

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

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ROBERT LEE SMITH,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 08-CV-10543-DT

DEBORAH COOK,

Defendant.

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**OPINION AND ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S  
"PETITION FOR MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION"**

Pending before the court is Plaintiff Robert Lee Smith's *pro se* "Petition for Motion for Reconsideration," filed on February 25, 2008. Plaintiff requests reconsideration of the court's February 15, 2008 "Opinion and Order Granting Plaintiff's Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* and Dismissing Case." For the reasons set forth below, Plaintiff's motion will be denied.

Rule 7.1(g) of the Local Rules for the Eastern District of Michigan provides that a motion for reconsideration shall be granted only if the movant can (1) "demonstrate a palpable defect by which the court and the parties have been misled," and (2) show that "correcting the defect will result in a different disposition of the case." E.D. Mich. LR 7.1(g)(3). "A 'palpable defect' is 'a defect that is obvious, clear, unmistakable, manifest, or plain.'" *United States v. Lockett*, 328 F. Supp. 2d 682, 684 (E.D. Mich. 2004) (citing *United States v. Cican*, 156 F. Supp. 2d 661, 668 (E.D. Mich. 2001)).

In his motion for reconsideration, Plaintiff primarily re-alleges the allegations that he raises in his complaint, namely that Defendant Deborah Cook, a judge on the United

States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, violated Plaintiff's constitutional rights by failing to respond to Plaintiff's February 9, 2007 writ of mandamus. (Pl.'s Mot. at 1.) A motion for reconsideration that presents "the same issues already ruled upon by the court, either expressly or by reasonable implication," will not be granted. E.D. Mich. LR 7.1(g)(3); *Czajkowski v. Tindall & Assocs., P.C.*, 967 F. Supp. 951, 952 (E.D. Mich. 1997).

Plaintiff then submits the following reasons why the court should grant his motion for reconsideration:

JUDGE DEBORAH COOK IS NOT ABOVE THE LAW, THE JUDGE IS  
COMMANDANT [sic] BY LAW TO ACT.

THE PETITIONER STATES HIS U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS &  
CIVIL RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED.

PETITIONER SMITH PRAYS AND REQUEST[S] THAT THE JUDGMENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN DISTRICT OF  
MICHIGAN, SOUTHERN DIVISION TO GRANT [sic] HIS MOTION FOR  
RECONSIDERATION, AND ALLOW HIS CASE TO BE HEARD IN  
FRONT OF A GRAND JURY.

(Pl.'s Mot. at 3.)

Plaintiff fails to "demonstrate a palpable defect by which the court and the parties have been misled." *Lockett*, 328 F. Supp. 2d at 684. The court has previously considered these claims and concluded that "[t]he allegations against Defendant are frivolous and fail to state a claim because judges enjoy absolute immunity from damages liability for actions taken in their judicial capacity." (2/15/08 Order at 2 (citing *Mireles v. Waco*, 502 U.S. 9, 9-12 (1991); *Stump v. Sparkman*, 435 U.S. 349 (1978)).) Because Plaintiff's motion merely presents argument that the court has already taken

into account in making its decision, the court will deny Plaintiff's motion. See E.D. Mich. LR 7.1(g)(3); *Czajkowski*, 967 F. Supp. at 952. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's "Petition for Motion for Reconsideration" [Dkt. # 4] is DENIED.

s/Robert H. Cleland  
ROBERT H. CLELAND  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: April 28, 2008

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was mailed to counsel of record on this date, April 28, 2008, by electronic and/or ordinary mail.

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